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1. SUMMARY: POLITICAL DECLARATION ISSUED AT THE END
OF THE JANUARY 26-28 BRUSSELS CONFERENCE OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IS DESCRIBED AND SUMMARIZED
HEREWITH. DECLARATION HAS HAD LITTLE IMPACT IN BELGIAN
PRESS. LIMITED COMMENTARY ON IT HAS
EMPHASIZED ITS BANALITY IDEOLOGICALLY AND CAST
DOUBT UPON ITS IMPACT OUTSIDE COMMUNIST PARTY CIRCLES.
NEVERTHELESS, AS SET OF MARCHING ORDERS
FOR COMMUNISTS THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPE, THE DOCUMENT
CLEARLY HAS IMPORTANCE. IT IS A DECLARATION REFLECTING
PRIMARY CONCERN WITH WINNING POWER. DESPITE ITS
CRITICISM OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,
THE DECLARATION MOVES THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT FURTHER
TOWARD THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
COMMUNITY AS AN IMPORTANT REALITY. THE VERY CHOICE
OF BRUSSELS AS A VENUE IS CONFIRMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FINAL AND DRAFT TEXTS. BELGIAN CP DAILY "DRAPEAU
ROUGE" CARRIES FULL, AUTHORITATIVE TEXT OF CONFERENCE
DECLARATION JANUARY 31. OTHER VERSIONS HAVE CIRCULATED,
HOWEVER, REPRESENTING LATE BUT NOT FINAL DRAFTS.
ONE OTHERWISE VERY NEARLY COMPLETE ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION,
FOR EXAMPLE, OMITTS TWO KEY PARAGRAPHS APPRAISING THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ALSO OMITTS THE REFERENCE TO
"DICTATORSHIP IN TURKEY" WHICH APPEARS IN THE FINAL
TEXT AFTER A REFERENCE TO "FASCIST REGIMES IN SPAIN,
GREECE AND PORTUGAL."

3. FORMAT. THE "POLITICAL DECLARATION" ISSUED AT THE
END OF THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN
COMMUNIST PARTIES HAS FIVE PARTS:

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--INTRODUCTION: DESCRIPTION OF "NEW SITUATION"
IN EUROPE AND "NEW RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES" IN THE WORLD:
--I. DIAGNOSIS OF CURRENT SITUATION, I.E.
TRENDS, THREATS, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN WESTERN EUROPE:
--II. GENERAL PRESCRIPTION FOR COURSES OF
ACTION BY CP'S AND OTHER "DEMOCRATIC FORCES":
--III. MORE SPECIFIC MARCHING ORDERS FOR
ACTIONS, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS ALREADY

UNDERWAY:

-- CONCLUSION. PERORATION AND APEAL FOR JOINT ACTION BY "ALL
POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION GROUPINGS OF THE WORKERS
MOVEMENT AND ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES", TO REPLACE
"THE EUROPE OF THE MONOPOLIES" WITH A "EUROPE OF THE WORKERS".

4. MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE DECLARATION
SINGLES OUT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS (ALONG WITH
"ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO SET UP A EUROPEAN DEFENSE
COMMUNITY EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS") AS ONE OF
TWO MAIN TARGETS FOR JOINT ACTION. THESE TARGETS
ARE IDENTIFIED INITIALLY IN A ONE-PAGE COVERING
STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED WITH THE POLITICAL DECLARATION.
THE DECLARATION STATES THAT MULTINATIONAL FIRMS
"DOMINATED 75 PERCENT BY AMERICAN CAPITAL, JEOPARDIZE
THE ECONOMIC AND EVEN THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE
OF THE EUROPEAN CAPITALIST STATES". VIA "SUDDEN AND
MASSIVE MOVEMENTS OF THEIR CAPITAL AND ACTIVITIES IN
SEARCH OF MAXIMUM PROFITS, THEY DEPRIVE THOUSANDS OF
WORKERS OF THEIR JOBS AT A STROKE". THE ARGUMENTS
AS DEVELOPED SEAK THE APPEARANCE OF PRACTICALITY BY
OMITTING ANY EXTREMIST IDEA OF ELIMINATING OR
EXPPELLING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE INSTRUCTIONS
INSTEAD CALL FOR ACTIONS TO OBLIGE MULTINATIONAL FIRMS
TO BE RESPONSIVE TO SOCIAL INTERESTS AND TO RESPECT
NATIONA INDEPENDENCE.

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5. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. PART I INCLUDES ANALYSIS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC). "THE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IS DEVELOPING CURRENTLY UNDER THE DIRECTION AND IN THE INTEREST OF HIGH CAPITAL. IT TAKES THE FORM ABOVE ALL OF A REINFORCEMENT OF LARGE INDUSTRIAL CONCENTRATIONS OF MONOPOLIES AND OF POWERFUL MULT NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. IT IS PREJUDICIAL TO THIRD COUNTRIES. PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS AIMED AT THE ACHIEVEMENT ON THIS BASIS OF A POLITICAL UNION OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMON MARKET IS ENCOUNTERING THE RESISTANCE OF THE PEOPLES".

A SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPH DISTINGUISHES AMONG COUNTRIES THAT HAVE LONG BELONGED TO THE EEC, WHERE COMMUNIST PARTIES OPPOSE ITS MONOPOLISTIC ORIENTATION, OTHER COUNTRIES MORE RECENTLY ADMITTED, WHERE COMMUNIST PARTIES SEEK WITHDRAWAL, AND STILL OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS BUT ARE AFFECTED BY

THE EEC. NEVERTHELESS, THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDES, A COMMON APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF MONOPOLISTIC ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IS "POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY".

THE DECLARATION CITES THE NEED FOR SOCIAL MEASURES, INCLUDING " STATUTES AND AGREEMENTS AT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN LEVEL ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS GUARANTEES OF THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND THE RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT, REGULATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL AND THE INTRODUCTION OF REORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES SO AS TO HAMPER THE MANEUVERS OF THE BIG MONOPOLIES".

6. NUCLEAR "EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY". THE CONFEREES SAY "ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO SET UP A EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS". THE ALTERNATIVE BOTH TO NATO AND TO THESE EDC ATTEMPTS IS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF "COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN OUR CONTINENT", NOT FURTHER DEFINED.
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7. RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS. THE DECLARATION CALLS FOR "EQUALITY OF WORK CONDITIONS, PAY AND SOCIAL SECURITY WITH THE WORKERS OF THE HOST COUNTRY" AND OTHER SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS,"WHO ARE TODAY PARTICULARLY MENACED BY UNEMPLOYMENT AND EXPLUSION".

8. "AUTHORITARIAN TENDENCIES". THIS MILD FORMULATION INTRODUCES A LISTING OF VARIOUS REACTIONARY POLICIES AND TRENDS IN EUROPE. "WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MOST REACTIONARY FORCES OF MONOPOLY CAPITALISM, NATO AND THE UNITED STATES, THE PERSISTENCE OF FASCIST REGIMES IN SPAIN, GREECE AND PORTUGAL AND OF A DICTATORSHIP IN TURKEY REPRESENT A DANGER AND SCANDAL FOR THE WHOLE CONTINENT".

9. US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP. THE DECLARATION DEFINES THE GOALS OF THE "NIXON-KISSINGER PLAN" AS "TO STRENGTHEN THE ALREADY TIGHT (US) TUTELAGE OVER THE ECONOMY AND POLICIES OF THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, TO INVADE THE EUROPEAN MARKETS, REVITALIZE THE ATLANTIC BLOC, INCREASE THE BURDEN OF MILITARY SPENDING IN THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND DRAW THEM IN TO THE WAKE OF ITS NEW IMPERIALISTIC STRATEGY". THE US NOW "SEEKS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ENERGY CRISIS AS WELL AS THE MONETARY CRISIS IN ORDER TO UNDERMINE THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES POSSIBILITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THUS TO MODIFY TO ITS

ADVANTAGE THE RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES WITH THOSE COUNTRIES".

10. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. IN A SECTION THAT SEEKS TO MAKE IT CLEAR, BUT NOT BLATANT, THAT THE REGION UNDER DISCUSSION IS WESTERN EUROPE, THE DECLARATION CALLS FOR ASSURING "THE EXERCISE OF THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, OF THOUGHT, OF THE PRESS, AND OF CREATION".

11. ENERGY. THE DECLARATION BLANDLY ATTRIBUTES THE ENERGY CRISIS TO "THE MONOPOLIES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS". IT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PRICE ESCALATION.

12. THE MIDDLE EAST. "A POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT" SHOULD BE BASED "ON THE APPLICATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI TROOPS FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, AND RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, AND ON THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES AND ALL STATES IN THE REGION TO EXISTENCE, INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY".

13. MANY ROADS TO SOCIALISM. THE DECLARATION DECLARES THAT "EVERY PARTY WORKS OUT, IN COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, ITS ROAD TOWARDS THE DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY AND THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS COUNTRY'S CONDITIONS AND TRADITIONS".

14. TRADE UNIONS AND TRANSFORMATIONS OF SOCIETY. IN PART THREE, WHERE IDENTIFICATION IS MADE OF RIGHT-MINDED ACTIONS ALREADY IN PROGRESS, REFERENCE IS MADE TO "DEFINITE ADVANCES TOWARD UNITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND TRADE UNION FORCES, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF REACHING MAJOR AGREEMENTS ON COMMON PLATFORMS IN SOME COUNTRIES", AND TO "POSITIVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, AS EVIDENCED BY THE IMPORTANT MEETING HELD BY EUROPEAN CENTRAL TRADE UNION BODIES IN GENEVA".

15. THE US, CSCE AND MBFR. THE DECLARATION NOWHERE MAKES REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE CONTEXT OF DETENTE NOR GIVES THE US CREDIT FOR DETENTE. DETENTE IS ATTRIBUTED SOLELY TO "THE PEACE INITIATIVES OF THE USSR AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE". NOR IS THE US MENTIONED IN RELATION TO CSCE. A PASSING REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR "A MILITARY DETENTE AND REDUCTIONS OF ARMAMENTS AND ARMED FORCES" IS A CLOSE

AS THE DOCUMENT COMES TO ALLUDING TO MBFR.

16. THE POLITICAL DECLARATION TRANSLATED INTO ACTION.

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OF COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER FORCES OF THE LEFT" PCF
AND PCI LEADERS MARCHAIS AN BERLINGUER PAID A CALL ON
THE BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSB) CO-PRESIDENTS ANDRE
COOLS AND JOS VAN EYNDE DURING CONFERENCE PERIOD. ON
JANUARY 30, "AT THE INITIATIVE OF SOME COMMUNIST AND
SOCIALIST STUDENTS", A GATHERING OF SOME 600 PERSONS
WAS ADDRESSED BY A PANEL OF PERSONALITIES INCLUDING
THE BELGIAN CP SENATOR RENE NOEL, PSB CO-PRESIDENT
ANDRE COOLS, THE CHRISTIAN WORKER MOVEMENT (MOC) LEADER
RENE SCHONBROODT, AND LIEGE PSB LEADER JACQUES YERNA.
(IN BELGIUM AS IN OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES, COMPETITION FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE
LEFT CALLS INTO QUESTION WHO IS USING WHOM.)
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